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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2009.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 33 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. .
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the submission filed 4-21-2009, which has been entered.

Claim 33 is currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Richards (769,920). Richards discloses a method of using a belt drive that includes first and second pulleys (e¹, e²) and a belt (e³) reeved over the first and second pulleys, the first pulley includes a first pivot (G) which is located with reference to a centerline between the first pulley and second pulley and a theoretical intersection of the belt strands (see attached drawing illustration below) such that application of torque to the first pulley in the first direction proportionally elevates average belt tension, while application of torque to the first pulley in the opposite direction proportionally decreases average belt tension; as can be seen, the first pulley is loading away from the second pulley in a pivoting fashion about the pivot.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 4-21-2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant contented that the prior art to Richard fails to disclose a pivot point with reference to a centerline between the first and second pulleys and a

theoretical intersection of the belt strand. In response, it can be seen by the attached drawing that the point G is located in an area between the vertical boundaries of the two pulleys. As seen in fig. 5 of the instant invention, the pivot point "P" is located in an area between the centers of the two pulleys. Therefore, in regards to the pivot point, the structures of Richard and the instant invention are very similar. In addition, the pivot point "G" of Richards is with reference to the centerline between the centers of the two pulleys (see drawing attached). It should be noted that no specific details to show difference in position or location of the pivot point of the instant invention compared to that of Richard. Applicant also contented that Richards provides no such reason for the location of the pivot point. It should be noted that the rejection does not require any reason by Richard for the location of the pivot point, so long as the structure meet the language of the claimed invention. For reasons given above, accordingly, the rejection is deemed proper.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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